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SUBJ: CANADIAN BRIEFING ON THE MACEACHEN-PEREZ GUERRERO
NEW YORK MEETING OF DEC 1

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO THE CANADIAN MISSION, THE
PROVATE SESSION OF THE CIEC CO-CHAIRMEN IN NEW YORK WENT
ABOUT AS EXPECTED. THEY REACHED AGREEMENT TO CANVASS OTHER
G-27 MINISTERS RE POSTPONEMENT OF THE DECEMBER MEETING
IN PARIS. THUS FAR, WE HAVE LITTLE IN THE WAY OF G-77
REACTIONS LOCALLY. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DEC 2 CANADIAN DEPPERMRP BRUCE BRIEFED UN MISSIONS
OF WESTERN COUNTRIES ON THE MEETING OF THE CIEC CO-CHAIRMEN.
BRUCE EXPLAINED THAT NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE FROM THE CANADIAN
MISSION IN NEW YORK HAD ACTUALLY ATTENDED THE MEETING SO
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THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS SECOND HAND.

3. HE SAID THAT, AS EXPECTED, THE CO-CHAIRMEN HAD AGREED TO "CANVASS" THE MINISTERS OF THE 27 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN CIEC ON THE QUESTION OF A POSTPONEMENT OF THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE MAIN REASONS GIVEN FOR POSTPONEMENT WERE DOUBT OVER THE EXISTENCE OF A SATISFACTORY BASIS FOR A SUCCESSFUL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN TWO WEEKS AND THE RELATED QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE REQUIRED POLICY DECISIONS COULD BE MADE AT THIS TIME. THE US AND JAPANESE ELECTIONS WERE CITED AS FACTORS.

4. DISCUSING MACEACHEN'S REMARKS TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING THE SESSION WITH PEREZ GUERRERO, BRUCE NOTED MACEACHEN'S EMPHASIS ON THE POINT THAT THE PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE THE MINISTERIAL MEETING HAD NOT BEEN MADE IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST OF ANY SINGLE GOVERNMENT. AT THE SAME PRESS CONFERENCE, MACEACHEN, IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION, EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT A RESUMED SESSION OF THE 31ST GA IS PROBABLE. MACEACHEN ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE OPEC PRICE INCREASE WITH PEREZ GUERRERO.

5. BRUCE STRESSED THAT MACEACHEN HAD NEVER PLANNED A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH PEREZ GUERRERO. WHILE THE PRESS HAD TAKEN PEREZ GUERRERO'S ABSENCE AS AN INDICATION OF DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THE TWO, BRUCE REITERATED THAT THEIR GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONS CONTINUED.

6. BRUCE SAID THAT THE CO-CHAIRMEN'S COMMUNICATION TO THE OTHER MINISTERS IS BEING TRANSMITTED VIA THE CIEC SECRETARIAT. IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS "HYPOTHETICAL" QUESTIONS FROM OTHER MISSIONS, BRUCE REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN THE ABSENCE OF A CIEC MINISTERIAL CONSENSUS ON POSTPONEMENT EXCEPT TO CITE MACEACHEN'S VIEW THAT IMMEDIATE URGENT G-27 CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED.

7. IT IS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS BROADER G-77 REACTIONS IN NEW YORK.
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